

To: **Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission**  
From: Ed Zimmer  
Re: Agenda of September, 2014  
Date: September 19, 2014

**Item 2, Goodhue Blvd. monument:**

Brayden McLaughlin of the Near South Neighborhood Association (NSNA) has met with me regarding a monument/precinct marker for the south end of Goodhue Blvd. near A Street. He requested to a preliminary meeting with the Commission to share their ideas and seek guidance before preparing a more finished design and request for approval. NSNA envisions a lectern-like monument with a plaque explaining Goodhue's contribution to Lincoln, and identifying the NSNA.

The Capitol Environ Design Standards state:

**Design Standard 3: Memorials and Monuments**

Installation of monuments and memorials should be based on the symbolic program established at the Capitol. Therefore no memorials should be added to the Capitol grounds. The Capitol itself is a memorial and has integral memorial spaces (the Nebraska Hall of Fame and Memorial Hall). Memorials may be considered for addition to the Malls, within their overall design guidelines, assigning memorials of statewide or national significance to Centennial Mall, and individual memorials to the other malls.

**Guideline 3.1:**

*Addition of memorials and monuments facing Capitol Square (outside the Capitol grounds) and on the Malls will be evaluated within the same guidelines as other improvements such as buildings and landscape features, stressing compatibility with setting, high-quality design, and appropriate materials.*

While Goodhue can, in my opinion, be regarded as "of...national significance," I think it would be overly strict or even a mis-reading of the Design Standard to interpret it as precluding a Goodhue monument on Goodhue Blvd.

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